

H.R. 6438, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the site known as “Dearfield” in the State of Colorado (H. Rept. 117–600);

H.R. 6442, to amend section 101703 of title 54, United States Code, to include Tribal Governments and quasi-governmental entities, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–601);

H.R. 6654, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a National Climate Adaptation Science Center and Regional Climate Adaptation Science Centers to respond to the effects of extreme weather events and climate trends, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–602);

H.R. 6799, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the John P. Parker House in Ripley, Ohio, as a unit of the National Park System (H. Rept. 117–603);

H.R. 7075, to designate Ukrainian Independence Park in Washington, District of Columbia, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 117–604);

H.R. 7496, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install a plaque at the peak of Ram Head in the Virgin Islands National Park on St. John, United States Virgin Islands, to commemorate the slave rebellion that began on St. John in 1733 (H. Rept. 117–605);

S. 789, to repeal certain obsolete laws relating to Indians (H. Rept. 117–606);

H.R. 604, to provide for the long-term improvement of public school facilities, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–607, Part 1); and

H. Res. 1510, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 8404) to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–608).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jones to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:34 p.m. and reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

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Senate Referrals: S. 2607 was held at the desk. S. 2773 was held at the desk. S. 3198 was held at the desk. S. 3903 was held at the desk. S. 5016 was held at the desk.

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Respect for Marriage Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 1510, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 8404) to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 204 nays,

Roll No. 512, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H8803–04.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yeas-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H8811.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AN ENDURING LEGACY: THE ROLE OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE HORRORS OF SLAVERY AND THE NEED FOR ATONEMENT, PART II

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “An Enduring Legacy: The Role of Financial Institutions in the Horrors of Slavery and the Need for Atonement, Part II”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING CHALLENGES IN THE MEKONG REGION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled “Understanding and Addressing Challenges in the Mekong Region”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee concluded a markup on H. Res. 1456, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the conclusion of the Department of State on whether Marc Fogel is wrongfully detained; H. Res. 1482, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to Congressionally appropriated funds to the nation of Ukraine from January 20, 2021 to November 15, 2022; H.R. 9374, the “Countering Malign Russian Activities Globally Act”; H.R. 9243, the “Providing Appropriate Recognition and Treatment Needed to Enhance Relations with ASEAN Act”; H.R. 8654, the “End Tuberculosis Now Act”; and H. Con. Res. 110, commending the bravery, courage, and resolve of the women and men of Iran demonstrating in more than 80 cities and risking their safety to speak out against the Iranian regime’s human rights abuses. H. Res. 1456, H. Res. 1482, and H.R. 9243 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 9374, H.R.

8654, and H. Con. Res. 110 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 8361, the “Preventing Suicide Through Voluntary Firearm Purchase Delay Act”; H.R. 4130, the “American Music Fairness Act”; H. Res. 1477, calling for the submission to the House of Representatives of certain information in the possession of the Attorney General regarding NICS Indices Self-Submission Forms; and H. Res. 1478, calling for the submission to the House of Representatives of certain information regarding the decision of the President of the United States to institute the “Ghost Gun” Rule. H.R. 8361, H. Res. 1477, H. Res. 1478, and H.R. 4130 were ordered reported, as amended.

SENATE AMENDMENT TO WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2022”; SENATE AMENDMENT TO RESPECT FOR MARRIAGE ACT; EAGLE ACT OF 2022; VETERAN SERVICE RECOGNITION ACT OF 2022

Committee on Rules: Full Committee continued a hearing on the Senate Amendment to H.R. 7776, the “Water Resources Development Act of 2022” [James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023]; the Senate Amendment to H.R. 8404, the “Respect for Marriage Act”; H.R. 3648, the “EAGLE Act of 2022”; and H.R. 7946, the “Veteran Service Recognition Act of 2022. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 8404, the “Respect for Marriage Act”. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on the Judiciary or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 8404. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of general debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designees. Testimony was heard from Chairman Smith of Washington, and Representative Rogers of Alabama.

U.S. COAST GUARD’S LEADERSHIP ON ARCTIC SAFETY, SECURITY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “U.S. Coast Guard’s Leadership on Arctic Safety, Security, and Environ-

mental Responsibility”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Peter W. Gautier, Deputy Commandant for Operations, U.S. Coast Guard; Michael Sfraga, Chair, U.S. Arctic Research Commission; Andrew Von Ah, Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

FULFILLING OUR PACT: ENSURING EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF TOXIC EXPOSURE LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Fulfilling our Pact: Ensuring Effective Implementation of Toxic Exposure Legislation”. Testimony was heard from Shereef Elnahal, M.D., Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans’ Affairs; and Joshua Jacobs, Senior Advisor for Policy, Performing the Delegable Duties of the Under Secretary for Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 1466, of inquiry requesting the President to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the investigation by the intelligence community into the origins of the COVID–19 virus; and H. Res. 1467, of inquiry requesting the President to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the use of authorities, personnel, and capabilities of the intelligence community to conduct domestic activities unrelated to foreign intelligence. H. Res. 1466 and H. Res. 1467 were ordered reported, without amendment.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness in Growth: Full Committee held a business meeting on the Select Committee’s final report entitled *Bridging the Divide: Building an Economy that Works for All*. The report was approved.

Joint Meetings

CIVIL SOCIETY CAMPAIGN

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the Civil Society Campaign to improve the lethality and survivability of the Ukrainian military, after receiving testimony from Dora Chomiak, Razom for Ukraine; Taras Chmut, Come Back Alive; Serhiy Prytula, Prytula Charity Foundation; and Jonas Ohman, Blue/Yellow for Ukraine.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1187)

H.R. 7132, to preserve safe access to communications services for survivors of domestic violence and other crimes. Signed on December 7, 2022. (Public Law 117–223)

S. 4524, to limit the judicial enforceability of predispute nondisclosure and nondisparagement contract clauses relating to disputes involving sexual assault and sexual harassment. Signed on December 7, 2022. (Public Law 117–224)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2774, to amend title 35, United States Code, to address patent ownership, and the nominations of DeAndrea Gist Benjamin, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Robert Stewart Ballou, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, Todd E. Edelman, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Kymberly Kathryn Evanson, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Myong J. Joun, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Colleen R. Lawless, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and Henry C. Leventis, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee, Michael D. Black, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio, and Catrina A. Thompson, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of North Carolina, all of the Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SH–216.

House

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship and Capital Markets, hearing entitled “E, S, G and W: Examining Private Sector Disclosure of Workforce Management, Investment, and Diversity Data”, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Undue Influence: ‘Operation Higher Court’ and Politicking at SCOTUS”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3681, the “Sinkhole Mapping Act of 2021”; H.R. 5522, the “Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform Act of 2021”; H.R. 6032, the “Katimiñ and Aameekyáaraam Sacred Lands Act”; H.R. 6427, the “Red River National Wildlife Refuge Boundary Modification Act”; H.R. 6611, to authorize the Embassy of France in Washington, DC, to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor the extraordinary contributions of Jean Monnet to restoring peace between European nations and establishing the European Union, and for other purposes; H.R. 6720, to authorize the Thomas Paine Memorial Association to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; H.R. 6964, to authorize leases of up to 99 years for lands held in trust for the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation; H.R. 7615, the “LODGE Act”; H.R. 7918, the “Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance Act of 2022”; H.R. 7952, the “Valley Forge Park Realignment Permit and Promise Act”; H.R. 8115, the “Recreation and Public Purposes Tribal Parity Act”; and S. 314, the “Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Repeal Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to receive a briefing on demining Ukraine, 11 a.m., WEBEX.

Full Committee, to receive a briefing on Russia’s infrastructure terrorists, 3:30 p.m., WEBEX.